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3 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--May 1985

I. GENERAL:

The security situation in the area once again came to the fore late in the month with the assassination attempt against the Amir of Kuwait and the subsequent threat by an anonymous Islamic Jihad caller that all "thrones in the area would be shaken" unless 17 prisoners being held in Kuwait are released. In the context of security, all employees have been attending biweekly briefings at the bureau throughout the month on use of equipment in the safehaven medical kit and general first aid procedures. The briefings are being given by a three-man Mobile Medical Augmentation Readiness Team currently on TDY at the local Navy Administrative Support Unit. The bureau was also surveyed during the month by a military Emergency Action Survey Team TDY'ing at the Embassy.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 25 May, acting on a tip from an embassy official on the reported assassination attempt against the Amir of Kuwait, bureau monitors tuned up Kuwait Domestic Service in Arabic and monitored in progress at 0732 GMT a statement on an "act of aggression" that had been committed against the automobile procession of the amir that morning. An FYI was sent and bureau assumed coverage of Kuwait radio until we could be assured that LD/BBC had assumed their primary coverage responsibility. Numerous reports and Kuwaiti media behavior FYIs were filed until 1002 GMT, at which time LD/BBC advised their reception of Kuwait radio was adequate enough to assume coverage.

2. Gulf Bureau formally assumed coverage of the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) in Arabic on 5 May, as well as full coverage of Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic from 0400 GMT to 2000 GMT. LD/BBC will cover Saudi media from 2000-2300. Thus, coverage of all Saudi media will be consolidated at Gulf Bureau for all but 1/2 hour of the bureau's operating hours.

3. Observance of the holy month of Ramadan began on 20 May and will last approximately 1 month. Operations are not seriously affected, but a number of radios in the bureau's coverage area have shifted the times of some casts, requiring a slight realignment of monitor's working hours.

4. On 19 May, bureau was alerted by BBC that airports in the PDRY had been closed. Aden Domestic Service was put on open speaker watch and bureau remained open past COB to cover late night newscasts. No unusual developments were observed, and with Wire's concurrence, bureau closed down 1 and 1/2 hours after normal COB.

5. Per arrangements set forth at the bureau chief's conference, Gulf returned coverage of Yerevan KOMMUNIST and Yerevan SOVETAKAN AYASTAN to UD effective with the 1 May editions. It was also arranged for NEAD to assume coverage of Beirut ZARTONK and Beirut AZTAG, also effective with the 1 May editions.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

1. With the cooperation of the embassy's TCU and the Navy's Administrative Support Unit (ASU), a communications landline connecting the bureau and ASU via TCU has been installed and is now operative. The line will serve as an alternate commo route in the event bureau traffic cannot be sent or received via normal TCU channel.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Visitors

1. Bureau Chief-designate [] visited Bahrain 7 through 15 May for briefings on bureau operations, introductions and general orientation. He was received by Ambassador Leidel on 8 May.

2. B&F officer [] TDY'd at the bureau 4 and 5 May.

B. Personnel

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[] departed Bahrain during the month on approved advance PCS travel.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 1985

Equipment Received : None

Equipment Transferred: None

Projects : Waiting for electrical contractor
to fabricate breaker box and
install.

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1985 -----

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES: -----

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	342,270
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING	:	104,540
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	1,050

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	16,033	10,740	197.5

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: -----

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN -----

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	-0-

BAHRAIN -----

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	1,072
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	650
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	23,000
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ENGLISH	8,410
MANAMA AKHDAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	1,450
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MANAOIF	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	3,300
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	200

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	1,990
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF SUDANESE POPULAR REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BARDINANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,240
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	8,600
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	6,370

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	24,400
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	970
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	220
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	780
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	17,240
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BARDINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,280

BAKHTARAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BANDAR 'ABDAS DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	2,290	
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	988	
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
KERMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	80	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	-0-	
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN IRNA IN		
ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID		570
IN ARABIC		
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI		410
IN ARABIC		
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL		2,460
IN ENGLISH		
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH	-0-	
TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN		
PERSIAN		650
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN		3,460
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		200
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
IRAC		

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	9,060	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	530	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	

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KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,770	
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KUWAIT KUNA IN		
ARABIC	150	
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'		
IN ARABIC		2,950
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN		
ARABIC		-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS		
IN ARABIC		13,680
KUWAIT AL-RAY AL-'AMM		
IN ARABIC		7,670
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN		
ARABIC		4,330
KUWAIT AL-WATAN		
IN ARABIC		8,120
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		4,570

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,590	
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	590	
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN		
ARABIC		630
MUSCAT 'UMAN AL-USBU'I		
IN ARABIC		920
MUSCAT OMA IN		
ARABIC	250	

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM		
IN ENGLISH		2,060
KARACHI DAWN IN		
ENGLISH		9,750
KARACHI JASARAT IN		
URDU		-0-
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN		
URDU		5,730
KARACHI NAHA-E NAQT		
IN URDU		2,960
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		520
RAHALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		1,910
RAHALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		5,170

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,350	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
DOHA QNA IN		
ARABIC		12,480

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	4,620	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	12,890	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	710	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
AL-DAMMAN AL-YAMM IN		
ARABIC		630
JEDDAH AL-BILAD IN		
ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		410
RIYADH SPA IN		
ARABIC	17,650	

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	2,800	
KHARTOUM SUNA		
IN ARABIC		170

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	450	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	940	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	2,350	

YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
ASHKHAZAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	9,000	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	400	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	10,000	
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARMENIAN	-0-	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,000	
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
ABU DHABI HAM		
IN ARABIC	3,000	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIFAQ		
IN ARABIC	3,000	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIFAQ AL-'USUL		
IN ARABIC	340	
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ		
IN ARABIC	1,410	
DUBAYY AL-BA'ATH		
IN ARABIC	3,570	
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES		
IN ENGLISH	5,000	
UNITED KINGDOM		

LONDON AL-KAFALEH		
IN ARABIC	500	
LONDON ASGHAR AOA		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
LONDON KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN	2,100	
LONDON VOICE OF IRAN		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN (PDY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	17,930	
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	2,640	
ADEN RUA IN ARABIC		150
ADEN RUA IN ENGLISH		-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,850	
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	5,510	
SANAA AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC		-0-